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DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed 10/20/2008 under 37 CFR 1.116 in reply to the final rejection has been considered but is not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance and will not be entered because: The proposed amendment raises new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

Some of the new items listed for the moiety choices are not in fact moieties. An amine is a molecule. Avidin is a molecule, as is "a propiolic acid derivative." Further, what is that last item? Propiolic acid, or acetylene mono-carboxylic acid, is $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CCOOH}$. Thus, a propiolic acid derivative would be $\text{A-C}\equiv\text{CC(O)Q}$, where A and Q would be undefined. What are these? And further, how would this attach --- via the A, or via the Q?

In claim 28, the new language of --- extending the linker R4' --- does not make sense. While R4 was a linker (it links R3 and L), R4' is not a linker: it's a terminal group.

Claim 28 now requires that all protective groups be removed. Where is that concept in the specification?

There may be other problems as well.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Mark L. Berch/ whose telephone number is 571-272-0663. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:15 - 3:45.

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